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In re application of:

Sophie WILSON

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Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1)

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

It is hereby requested that the period for replying to the outstanding Office Action be extended two months from July 6, 2004 to Tuesday, September 7, 2004 (the first business day after Monday, September 6, 2004), by the filing of this Petition and fee payment.

Applicant provided payment for a one-month extension for a large entity when it filed the Amendment and Reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on July 6, 2004. The instant petition fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)) is believed to be \$840.00, which represents the difference between the fee for a one-month extension for a large entity and the fee for a three-month extension for a large entity. Fee payment is provided in our accompanying PTO-2038 Credit Card Payment Form. However, if extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those provided herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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